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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1956 -

Males - 350,215

Females - 330,471

Persons - 680,686

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -

Persons - 369,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	461	443	4,710	4,649
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.24	8.08	7.60	7.71
Births - Number	1,382	1,409	15,792	15,388
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	24.70	25.69	25.48	25.52
Deaths - Number	431	482	5,213	4,965
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.70	8.79	8.41	8.23
Infant - Number	19	31	347	339
Mortality * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	13.75	22.00	21.97	22.03
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH				
Tuberculosis	2	3	39	30
Malignant neoplasms	64	68	735	693
Diabetes mellitus	2	3	58	55
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	12	16
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	51	72	623	605
Diseases of the heart	143	162	1,639	1,587
Hypertension with heart disease	9	11	131	135
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	7	70	64
Arteriosclerosis	10	12	146	134
Influenza	2	1	17	12
Pneumonia	16	12	214	175
Bronchitis	7	6	57	47
Other respiratory disease	8	6	77	58
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	31	26
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	2	13	19
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	7	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	7	2	27	18
Nephritis and nephrosis	9	1	76	58
Disease of the prostate	2	3	50	44
Natural causes	1	-	7	12
Disease of early infancy	6	16	191	192
Motor vehicle accidents	18	25	175	183
Other accidents	14	14	211	199
Suicide	2	9	82	77
All other causes	47	45	525	518
Total:	431	482	5,213	4,965

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, 1956, totalled 705,869 acres, a decrease of 102,805 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,880,666 acres, a decrease of 4,732,855.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,965,611	3,851,809	24,833,832	22,768,952
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 16. 0	5. 15. 0	36. 9. 4	34. 5. 2
Expenditure	4,873,066	4,667,012	28,353,615	25,601,418
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 2. 7	6. 19. 5	41. 12. 9	38. 10. 5

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of December, 1956, amounted to £61,066,861 or £89.5.7 per head of population as against £54,372,281 or £81.1.3 per head at the end of December, 1955.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for five weeks ended 31st December, 1956, amounted to £14,162,720 compared with £14,646,433 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No.	1,206	1,229	8,450	10,107
	£.	1,948,943	2,443,655	12,151,884	14,582,281
Mortgages	No.	933	977	6,152	6,680
	£.	1,783,260	1,920,348	11,247,519	13,436,789
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	682	749	4,736	4,872

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
December, 1956	3,861,418	2,068,336	10,382,752	688,829
December, 1955	3,380,139	2,270,783	8,363,137	511,351
Six months ended December, 1956	20,388,838	12,998,301	58,530,464	3,132,257
Six months ended December, 1955	21,852,364	15,019,428	53,667,669	2,788,928

AND TAX COLLECTED

COMPANIES REGISTERED

105 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,308,000 and 44 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 117 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,119,000 and 50 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Six Months ended DECEMBER					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	47	118,654	125,132	33	59,444	22,392
Deeds of Assignment (a)	45	173,058	221,668	27	133,789	132,037
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,073,267	1,164,500	6,278,267	5,409,300
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,386,403	1,314,829	6,715,751	6,294,788
Train Miles Run No.	672,602	702,525	3,744,450	3,452,841
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 111,106	(b) 114,174	(c) 546,317	(c) 584,378
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	980,098	917,506	5,506,251	5,033,909
Motor Bus No.	23,621	25,176	129,605	134,638
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	289,823	306,084	1,787,280	1,400,791
Livestock	17,240	18,960	80,506	73,483
Departmental (Free Freight)	64,128	60,699	305,138	342,664
Total:	371,191	385,743	2,172,924	1,816,938
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	48,874,291	53,747,935	293,967,377	240,182,193
Livestock	2,281,352	2,290,035	10,834,622	9,865,858
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,356,735	7,420,782	36,565,444	38,109,495
Total:	58,512,378	63,458,752	341,367,443	288,157,546

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 10th November.

(c) Period ended 10th November.

* Figures liable to revision.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

TOWNSHIP OF _____

RANGE OF _____

SECTION _____

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
1956 -								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63
June	274	137	2	29	491	311	5	49
July	364	173	1	39	637	376	3	63
August	546	203	1	49	933	422	8	75
September	459	128	4	43	804	329	11	79
October	476	144	1	76	846	404	4	105
November	474	141	7	71	864	390	11	99

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
1955 -								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
1956 -								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	96,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
July	62,938	24,520	572	9,274	98,258	62,841	1,188	13,356
August	63,270	24,555	572	9,170	98,977	63,085	1,195	13,278
September	63,514	24,585	569	9,164	99,566	63,310	1,199	13,308
October	64,101	24,671	570	9,165	99,904	63,168	1,194	13,151
November	64,226	24,683	570	9,153	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

- (a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.
(b) Not yet available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)
Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,382	3,997	18,235	20,363	12,833	9,048	53,600	29,337
Interstate	9,624	8,122	39,919	37,163	1,930	3,473	16,187	17,468
Total:	14,006	12,119	58,154	57,526	14,763	12,521	69,787	46,805

BUILDING ACTIVITY
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956 -										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508
Sept. Qr	354	1,041	1,091	3,122	23	177	249	2,145	1,717	6,485

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls								
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No. Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364 1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399 2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043 3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290 4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363 5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731 9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730 16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642 19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906 21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772 25,027
1956 -									
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684 4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786 5,116
Sept. Qr.	693	2,393	6	19	580	1,342	2	2	1,281 3,756

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	65,032	66,679	812,381	842,005
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,016,121	1,040,854	12,693,426	13,155,329
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	465,312	526,250	2,199,083	2,049,121

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3017	2878	3004	2868	2690	2573	2655	2554
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3240	3082	3170	3049	2616	2563	2592	2536
Northam	3150	2916	3055	2924	2644	2516	2584	2508
Bunbury	3136	2978	3064	2958	2720	2589	2664	2569
Geraldton	3209	2984	3110	2964	2885	2771	2825	2702
Collie	3154	2996	3088	2976	2478	2382	2434	2365

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227	135,482	44,565	180,047
July	135,696	43,901	179,597	134,639	44,545	179,184
August	135,857	43,758	179,615	134,685	44,019	178,704
September	136,616	43,913	180,529	134,431	44,167	178,598
October	136,291	43,924	180,215	134,494	44,189	178,683
November	136,970	44,401	181,371	134,756	44,368	179,124
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	235
July	211	221	230	237	233
August	212	221	230	238	232
September	211	223	232	240	233
October	212	224	233	240	234
November	213	227	234	242	234
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
25/1/57	13. 6. 3	8. 13. 1	13. 6. 5	8. 13. 2	13. 6. 7	8. 13. 3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	43,971	42,174	270,334	254,490
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	40,308	37,955	245,086	227,867

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
November, 1956	8,429	514	166,194	15,252
November, 1955	7,543	328	165,780	14,665
5 Months ended November, 1956	60,073	2,163	704,630	62,010
5 Months ended November, 1955	57,815	1,841	719,269	71,850

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
<u>1956 -</u>										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	210	83	697	240	4	9	237	114
May	604	173	186	78	790	251	9	9	228	109
June	537	186	193	61	730	247	11	2	225	88
July	556	187	172	72	728	259	3	3	213	104
August	458	176	182	57	640	233	8	10	223	73
September	479	202	172	72	651	274	8	6	226	98
October *	535	169	170	71	705	240	9	8	202	91
November	410	172	166	63	576	235	14	4	216	90
Total, 11 Months ended November	5,370	1,884	1,981	774	7,351	2,658	94	72	2,425	1,100

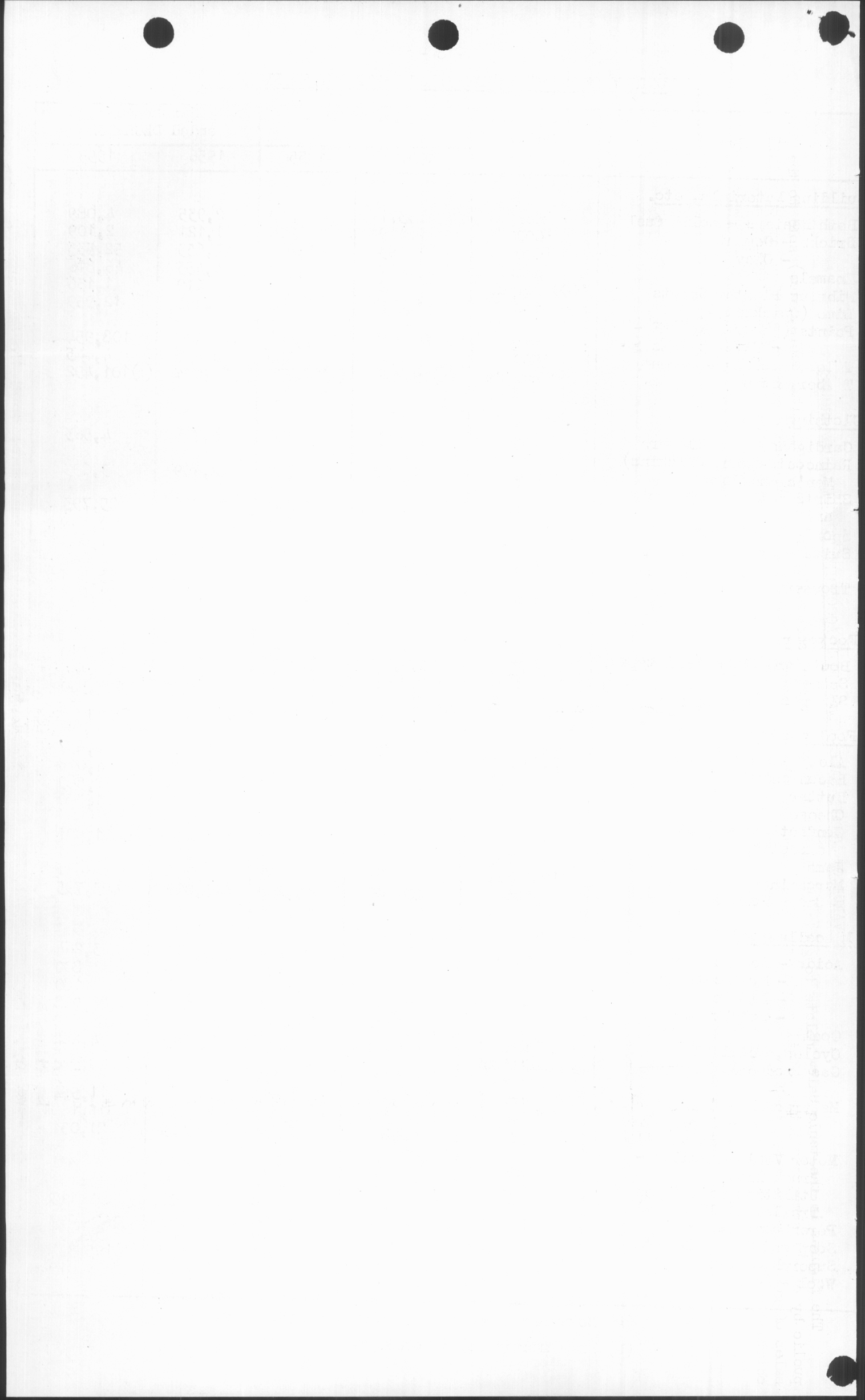
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MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	371	240	2,935	4,089
Bricks - Cement	'000	119	275	1,121	2,109
- Clay	'000	5,693	6,880	44,653	52,535
Enamels	gal.	5,411	4,759	34,453	46,816
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	82	141	619	1,136
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,478	1,865	11,165	12,959
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex-	gal.	16,742	17,626	113,478	108,954
cluding Water Paints	'000	256	525	2,455	4,645
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000 sup.ft.	(a)19,732	(a)20,736	(b)97,004	(b)101,492
Timber, Sawn					
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	650	843	4,396	4,563
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	1,387	306	2,699	3,693
Shirts (all types) Men's					
and Boys'	doz.	3,631	4,118	27,346	25,793
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	450	715	2,865	3,363
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	102	261	1,125	1,665
- 2 piece	no.	1,533	1,984	10,825	12,647
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,514	4,544	31,580	23,533
- Work	no.	6,378	6,779	82,837	51,898
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	25,936	24,940	182,229	170,510
Sandals	pair	21,960	32,486	129,983	115,146
Slippers	pair	35,201	37,848	214,607	199,560
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,650	2,086	8,395	8,897
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	861	878	3,865	4,018
Butter	'000 lb.	1,768	1,920	12,788	12,549
Cheese	'000 lb.	313	211	1,925	1,300
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	380	307	2,206	1,991
Jams	'000 lb.	11	29	265	381
Margarine	'000 lb.	71	37	744	631
Sauce - Tomato	pint	43,602	95,249	405,069	493,795
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	828	454	3,971	3,264
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	88	104	723	800
- Nitric	cwt.	56	34	338	180
- Sulphuric	ton	11,972	15,912	81,746	86,042
Coal	ton	45,558	64,147	439,950	485,882
Cycles, Pedal	no.	999	1,007	3,653	4,222
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	114	117	765	769
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,710	1,963	12,222	11,551
- Woven Wire	no.	984	3,649	13,193	15,188
- Soft Filled	no.	3,217	3,939	18,405	21,051
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	37	70	250	391
Utilities (all types)	no.	-	18	6	131
Trailers (all types)	no.	28	8	77	113
Perambulators	no.	49	45	262	323
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,923	6,770	39,788	37,336
Superphosphate	ton	(a)37,600	(a)36,014	(b)189,952	(b)195,534
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,061	1,742	12,424	9,019

(a) November figures. December not available.

(b) Five months ended November.



VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(\$ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	55.8
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1953	5.0	2.1	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	6.2	31.1	9.1
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1953	5.3	2.1	3.5	3.3	6.7	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.3	32.4	9.8
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1953	5.4	2.2	3.5	3.3	6.1	2.4	1.5	1.5	6.8	32.7	10.4
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.7
1956	6.8	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.7	36.5	12.3
Dec. Qtr.											
1953	5.8	2.2	3.8	4.2	7.6	2.8	2.1	1.6	8.4	38.5	11.4
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	16.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

